

REMARKS

By this paper, claim 1 has been amended and new claims 35 and 36 have been added. Claims 1-7, 9, 15,16, 18-21, 24, 35 and 36 are pending.

The Applicant maintains that the pending claims define subject matter which is allowable over the cited art. In order to expedite prosecution of the present matter, however, claim 1 has been amended to recite a method involving a link assembly configured to permit varying separation of the first and second pivots during use. New claims 35 and 36 have been added to recite further limitation which are also believed to define allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be reconsidered, the claims allowed and the application passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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